

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2215 - SB 2480

January 24, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants civil and criminal immunity for first responders, in certain circumstances, when force is used to enter a home, business, or other structure in response to 911 emergency calls. Defines "first responder" as a law-enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel, or other person who responds to 911 emergency calls.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill will not affect the applicable standard of care for a first responder rendering aid after gaining entry.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, while this bill could affect the outcome of some cases filed in state trial and appellate courts, it would not significantly affect the caseloads.
- Any cost associated with granting immunity to first responders can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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